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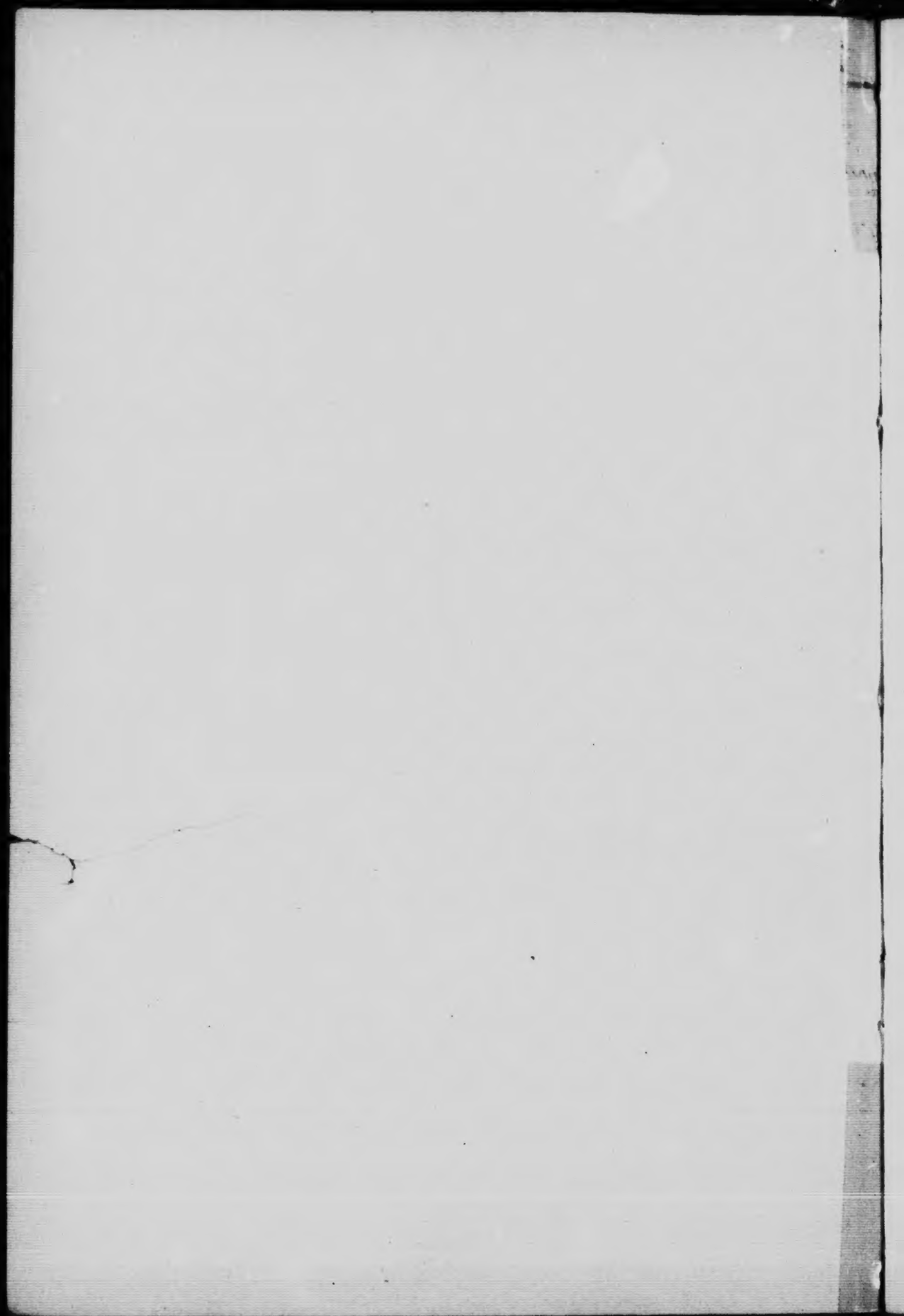
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**The Strength of a Nation
is
The Character of its Men**

"The abundance of our fields and forests, our great waterways and railways and the other sources and evidences of wealth, cannot alone make our country great. Our true greatness is in the character of our boys and young men, and what that character shall be will depend to a great extent upon how we develop their social, physical, intellectual and moral natures. . . . Upon the development of the character of its boys will depend the permanent strength of any community."

SIR WILLIAM HEARST,

Premier of Ontario

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TAYLOR STATTEN

The Boys' Parliament Idea

EVERY great accomplishment is first an idea in the mind of some dreamer. In his vision of the things that are to be he catches a gleam of some possibility that is far beyond the range of sight possessed by most men, and because the things that he has seen have mastered him, he is able to reveal them to others.

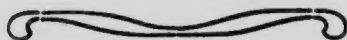
During his cross-country trip in connection with the "Coast to Coast" series of Boys' Work Conferences in the Fall of 1916, Mr. Taylor Statten, National Boys' Work Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, conceived the idea of bringing together the keen, representative Canadian boys who had been elected as President of the various Conferences. Thus the "Big Idea" began. On his return, the matter was laid, in January, 1917, before the Boys' Committee of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., and they approved of the general idea of trying to hold a representative gathering of Canadian older boys.

The writer remembers vividly, on a Saturday afternoon, in March of the same year, during the Hamilton Boys' Work Conference, meeting Mr. Statten and Rev. C. A. Myers, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, as they were strolling along the brow of the mountain. The view was glorious, but could not hold the conversation for more than a moment. Mr. Statten was enthusiastically enlarging on the possibilities of an all-Canadian gathering of boys.

The question was referred to the National Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boys' Work, and was most enthusiastically endorsed; it did not seem advisable, however, to project a Boys' Parliament on a National scale for that year, but, on their suggestion, the Ontario Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boys' Work decided to hold such a gathering, and its success fully justified their judgment.

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In the coming years, during which Canada is to make her greatest strides in every department of human thought and action, there will be a group of outstanding, marked men; they will be manly, mature embodiments of the fourfold ideal of life; they will be members of National and Provincial law-making bodies, of Municipal Councils, Boards of Education, of Health, and of Directors of corporations; they will exercise an influence that will help immeasurably in transforming our ideals of politics and business; all movements for social reform and human welfare will centre round these men; they will set the stamp of strenuous, Christian idealism upon Canadian life. They will be the men who, as older boys, sat as members of a Boys' Parliament.



"Bring me my bow of burning gold;
Bring me my arrows of desire;
Bring me my spear: O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.
I will not cease from mental strife,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land."

—William Blake.

Proclamation

The Ontario Provincial Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boys' Work

Canada—
Province of
Ontario.

This Committee, duly chosen to advise concerning and to promote the development of Boys' Work in Ontario, and duly representative of the Denominational Boards, and Interdenominational Associations.

To our faithful, the Boys chosen to serve in the Boys' Parliament of the Province of Ontario, and to every one of you—GREETING.

W. S. Kirkland,
Chairman.

WHEREAS it is expedient, for various causes and considerations, to convene a Boy's Parliament of this said Province, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH day of this month of DECEMBER, at the CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the Despatch of Business, to treat, act, do, and conclude upon those things, which, in this Boys' Parliament of the Province of Ontario, may be presented for your consideration and discussion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these letters to be sent you with our signatures thereto affixed.

DATED in this City of Toronto, in this Province of Ontario, on this Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

W. S. KIRKLAND,

By Command—

Chairman.

WILLIAM R. COOK,
Secretary.



WILLIAM R. COOK

How the Boys Were Elected

By WM. R. COOK

Boys' Work Secretary for Ontario and Quebec
National Council, Y.M.C.A.

THE nine Boys' Work Conferences at which these boys were elected, ranged in size from 150 to 400 delegates. At the opening session of each conference, on Friday evening, announcement was made to the delegates, regarding the Boys' Parliament. The purpose and work of the Parliament was explained. It was suggested that members of Parliament should be preferably boys who had had some experience with Canadian Standard Efficiency Training, and that they should exemplify to some extent the all-round development—intellectual, physical, devotional and social—which the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests, as a course of training, were intended to develop. The delegates were urged to think seriously about the type of boy who should be elected to represent them at this Parliament, and were invited to be ready the next morning with nominations.

On Saturday morning the nominations were received. These nominations came only from boys, and the nominees were boys registered as delegates at the conference. Each conference was divided into three constituencies and elected three members of Parliament, but there was no restriction on nominations; that is, any boy from any of the three constituencies was at liberty to nominate for election a boy in any other constituency.

These three constituencies comprised the country districts, including villages of less than 2,000 inhabitants, the towns over this including less than 5,000 population, and the cities above the last-mentioned size. This was done in order that the viewpoint of different types of communities and the needs of boys in different walks of life, might be brought to bear upon the work of the Parliament.

When the nominations had been closed the nominees were invited to address the conference. As the Parliament idea was entirely new and many of the nominees, having no precedent to lean upon, and being possessed of the characteristic modesty of Canadian boys, found it difficult to tell the electors why they should be sent to Parliament, it was frequently necessary for the conference director to question these boys

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before the conference, with the intention of learning about their school work, athletic prowess, church connection and extent of their service. This, which was to some an ordeal, was, however, a necessary preliminary to the election, and served to make the conference acquainted with the boys who had been nominated, and who, would, of course, be strangers to most, in a conference where a great many communities had sent delegates.

The boys were elected by ballot Saturday night at the conference supper. The nominees were again asked to appear before the conference, to speak briefly, if they desired, and then the conference delegates were instructed to place three names upon the blank ballot; one being their choice among those nominated to represent the rural districts, one a boy from the town constituency, and one from the cities.

The fine quality and the all-round ability of practically all of the members who subsequently comprised the Parliament, indicated that the delegates to these conferences chose with discretion and not simply because of personal liking. The elections were thoroughly democratic from start to finish, there being no attempt on the part of any of the conference leaders at any time to do more than suggest to the boys the kind of representative it would be well to choose.

"I venture to repeat a suggestion, already made elsewhere, that may help us to keep 'our Dead and our Duty' linked together in our thoughts. It is that each one should include in his private calendar 'some Khaki-letter Saints' Days—days on which those whom he knew and loved, or admired at a distance, laid down their lives for him and the rest of us;' and, on these anniversaries, as the years brought them round, should 'stand before their photographs, thank God for their example, and renew his vow: "For his sake—and his —and his—I consecrate myself."'"—E. H. Burroughs.



E. A. HARDY

How It Worked

By E. A. HARDY, B.A., D.Pæd.

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IT worked because the people connected with it worked, and worked hard. The members of the First Ontario Boys' Parliament were received at the Central Y.M.C.A. Building by members of the Ontario Provincial Advisory Committee, and were introduced to the Committee and to each other. They were assigned to their billets, and pages conducted them thither. The members were centered at two places for fellowship and constant conference.

The idea of the Committee in charge was that this Boys' Parliament should follow parliamentary procedure as far as possible. Accordingly, one of the Committee was asked to act as "Lieutenant-Governor," and another as "Clerk of the House." The "Clerk of the House" then conferred with the Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who became greatly interested and supplied detailed information as to procedure, and also copies of Bills, Orders of the Day, etc. The Provincial Librarian furnished a volume of recent Journals of the Assembly and a copy of the Speaker's Manual was borrowed. The Sergeant-at-Arms was also helpful in his counsel and suggestion.

Mr. W. S. Kirkland visited the Parliament Buildings and secured a photograph or drawing of the Roll of Members and a drawing of the Mace, and succeeded in having copies made of these two features. He also succeeded in borrowing an official coat and sword for the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The official summons to the Members was modeled after the official notice used for the meetings of the Legislative Assembly. So was the form of prayer read at the opening of each session. The Orders of the Day and the Bills were also according to Legislative form, and at each session these were placed on the desks of the Members, just as is the practice in the Legislative Assembly. The Roll of the House was beautifully engrossed and was duly signed by each Member. The Speaker wore a gown and had white gloves and mortar-board cap; the

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Clerk of the House was gowned, and the Sergeant-at-Arms was wonderful to look upon in his official coat, white gloves, and bearing the beautiful Mace, which was a work of art. The Hansard reporter was one of the official stenographers of the Senate at Ottawa, and gave many valuable suggestions as to procedure. A chart of the plan of the House, showing place, rank and constituency of each Member, was of great assistance. Tickets of admission to the gallery were issued to a selected number of people most interested. Two returned soldiers were on duty as door-keepers. There were also two stenographers, with their typewriters and a duplicating machine, and they were kept busy all the time. The Journals of the House were finished and typewritten within two hours after the Parliament was adjourned, as each session's statement was dictated immediately after the session.

At the first session the Lieutenant-Governor, appropriately attired, was present, and read the Speech from the Throne. He was also present at the final session, and gave assent to the Bills passed. Each session opened in parliamentary form. The Members being in their places, the Sergeant-at-Arms entered, followed by the Speaker. The Mace was placed in due position on the table, and the Speaker read the prayers, the Members standing during these opening proceedings. Then the Orders of the Day were called and the House proceeded to business. Each Bill had to be read three times. At the second reading, if it were so moved, the House went into Committee of the Whole, and the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole presided in place of the Speaker. When the Committee rose, the Speaker resumed his functions. Every Member was referred to as the Hon. Minister for the Intellectual Standard, or as the Hon. Member for the Kingston City, or St. Thomas County, or whatever his constituency was, and never by name. Standing Committees were appointed to deal with definite phases of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests. These met between sessions and presented reports, which formed the basis of discussion in the House.

The First Ontario Boys' Parliament was fortunate in many respects. One remarkably fine feature was the place of meeting. The Board of Education of the City of Toronto placed their beautiful Board Room at the disposal of the Parliament. The photographs elsewhere show the kind of room it was, and the chart further indicates its suitability. Its size, shape, and equipment were ideal. The retiring-room of the Board, with its big fireplace, lockers, telephone and other conveniences were also ideal. The kindness and attention of the officials of the Board left nothing to be desired. The daily luncheons were another excellent

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feature. These were held in one of the large rooms in the Parliament Buildings, and the whole House and several of the Provincial Advisory Committee and various guests had luncheon together every noon. This feature was due to the courtesy of the Hon. Mr. MacDiarmid, who most kindly gave permission for these daily luncheons. A third feature was a most kindly and very grateful message from Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario, who showed a sympathetic interest in the Boys' Parliament. Another feature was the excellent press reports in the Toronto daily papers.

As was said at the outset, the First Ontario Boys' Parliament was a success because of the work put into it. But this should be said also: that the greatest factor of it all was the quality and the spirit of the boys themselves. The official photograph shows you their faces; this volume of proceedings shows you something of their work. It may be added here that these boys proved themselves worthy of the best traditions of this Province and this Nation, fine, upright, manly, keenly intelligent, and proud and glad to serve in the making of a Canadian manhood consecrated to their King and their God. Their daily acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Guide was an inspiration.

Reconstruction

"It is not that society is shattered, but that the war has revealed that it never was properly organized. The problems of the re-adjustments of man-power and industry, of transportation and communication, and of political relationships are all important and difficult; but the real tasks of reconstruction go much deeper; not alone in Germany, but with ourselves, and in our own hearts fundamental changes in attitudes and ways of thinking are needed. The democracy of to-morrow is not so much a matter of social and political arrangement as it is a matter of ways of thinking, of ideas of life's values, and of the rights of others. It calls for new motives in living, new standards of conduct, and a new ethics. In a word, the changes that must come in reconstruction are changes in the wills, ideals and motives of men and women."—Religious Education.



"SIR WILLIAM" KIRKLAND, "THE LIET-GOVERNOR," READING THE ADDRESS FROM THE THRONE
Showing the Governor's Guard of Honor, Speaker, Clerk of the House, and Pages

The Speech from the Throne

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Boys' Parliament of the Province of Ontario.

I welcome you to the discharge of your duties at this, the first Session of the First Boys' Parliament of this Province. I congratulate you upon your election to so important a post and to so noble a task.

The welfare and proper training and development, mentally, morally and physically, of the teen-age boys of our country, to-day assumes a role of national import, greater than has ever before been known in history.

The great and serious war in which we are engaged has drawn so heavily upon the resources of our young manhood that responsibilities are now thrust upon the older boys, which, in past ages, were not assumed for years later. The older boy is now being called upon to enlist in branches of national service, where only men have served in the past, and the response is so marked, that it shows a deep-set determination on the part of the teen-age boys to help, by every means in their power, to achieve complete and final victory for the Allies.

One of the most vital factors in the winning of the war, is that of the assurance of a sufficient supply of food, not only for our men at the Front, but also for the men, women and children who must remain at home. This problem continues to grow more serious with the ever-increasing millions who, of necessity, are engaged in non-productive war occupations. It is with pride that I recall the heroic efforts of the older boys, during the past season, to render their country national service by enlisting in such large numbers as "Soldiers of the Soil." All honour to such service. As the war continues, the food shortage must grow more serious, and demand of all greater efforts in Food Conservation and Food Production, I am convinced that, in this connection, the older boys will assume every burden, and make every effort that may be required of them for the security of the Empire and the preservation of the liberties of the world.

Our thanks are due to Almighty God for the abundant harvest of the past year, and for the honour and privilege which has been ours in helping to produce and garner the harvest.

Legislation will be submitted to you for still further increasing the National Service of older boys as Soldiers of the Soil; respecting the revising of the Canadian National Course of Training for teen-age boys, known as the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests; respecting improvements in the Intellectual Standard; respecting improvements in the Physical Standard; respecting improvements in the Religious Standard; respecting improvements in the Service Standard; respecting improvements in the general outline of the whole course; respecting improvements in the promotion of the whole course of training, and for any other necessary improvements in the course.

It is my earnest hope that your deliberations will, under the guidance of the King of Kings, materially assist our Empire, not only in the struggle in which it is now engaged, but also in that ever-present warfare of building up a stronger and nobler and more Christ-like manhood for the future, and thus contribute alike to the moral and material welfare of the Nation. May the singleness of your determination, through your every act, be to "carry on" at home, for the sake of your older brothers at the Front, and for Him, who has shown us the completeness of the Four-fold Life, and thus increase in wisdom, and in stature, and in favour with God and man.

W. S. KIRKLAND,

Chairman, Provincial Advisory Committee for Co-operation
in Boys' Work.

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Minutes of the First Sitting of the Ontario Boys' Parliament

(SELECTIONS FROM OFFICIAL MINUTES)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1917



HON. GORDON HENDERSON
London City
Chairman of the Committee
of the Whole

The House met at 8 p.m.

The Clerk (Dr. Hardy) called upon the House to elect a Speaker.

On motion of the Premier (Mr. McCully), seconded by Chairman of the Whole (Gordon Henderson), Allan F. Annis was elected Speaker and took the Chair, briefly acknowledging the honor.

The Lieut.-Governor (Mr. Kirkland) then read the Speech from the Throne.

The Speech was concurred in, and appreciation was expressed of this important event, on motion of Gordon W. Poole, seconded by Clifton Weber.

The Premier commented on the Speech from the Throne, referring to the importance of the Boys' Parliament in relation to the morals of the country, citing the experience of Germany, France and Britain, where delinquency among the youth was on the increase, and referred to the large increase in the amount of tobacco and cigarettes consumed in Canada in the past year.

Speeches were then made by Hon. Mr. Herity, Minister of the Physical Standard; Hon. Mr. King, Minister of the Intellectual Standard; Hon. Mr. Scace, Minister of the Devotional Standard; Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Minister of the Service Standard; Hon. Mr. Dunton, Minister of the "Soldiers of the Soil," outlining the work of their respective departments, and forecasting the legislation that would be introduced.

The following motion of concurrence was then adopted:—

That this House concur in the sentiments expressed in the Speech from the Throne, and we express our appreciation of this important event.

Hon. Mr. McCully, Premier, referred to the importance of revising the C.S.E.T. course of training for Canadian boys, especially with reference to the organization of C.S.E.T. groups for the promotion of greater production; and moved the following:—

That a Commission of the Hon. Members for Ottawa Country, Kitchener City, St. Thomas Country, Barrie City, and the Premier, be appointed a Commission to report at to-morrow's session.

Hon. Mr. King seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Premier McCully, under the head of General Business, moved:—

That the Cabinet, with Hon. Member for Toronto City, Hon. Member for Windsor Country, be appointed to appoint permanent committees on the four Standards and the "S.O.S."

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Mr. Thornbury seconded the motion, which was adopted.

The House took a recess for ten minutes to allow the last-named committee to strike committees.

Mr. Weber gave notice of motion, as follows:—

THE HONORABLE THE MEMBER FOR WINDSOR CITY gives notice that at the proper time he will move:—

THAT forasmuch as the Boy Scout Movement is intended to work for the better and fuller development of boy life, and the C.S.E.T. has a similar aim;

AND forasmuch as there is danger of overlapping, and perhaps competition, between these two organizations, where they exist side by side in the same city;

AND forasmuch as this would work to the detriment of both organizations. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, That Representative Leaders of the Boy Scout Movement be asked to confer with Representative Leaders of the C.S.E.T. movement with a view to co-ordinating these two very important branches of Boys' Work.

Mr. Maughan read the report of the Committee on the Appointment of Permanent Committees, as follows, and moved its adoption:—

Intellectual:

Gordon King.....	The Hon. Minister of Intellectual Standard.
Thomas Brandy.....	The Hon. Member for Stratford City.
Wilbert Stanley.....	The Hon. Member for St. Thomas Country.
Clifton Weber.....	The Hon. Member for Windsor City.
Barrett O. Partridge.....	The Hon. Member for Barrie City.
Irwin E. Thomas.....	The Hon. Member for Toronto Town.

Physical:

Max Herity.....	The Hon. Minister of Physical Standard.
J. D. Taylor.....	The Hon. Member for Hamilton City.
Ray Richardson.....	The Hon. Member for Windsor Town.
Alex. Taylor.....	The Hon. Member for Ottawa City.
George Rumble.....	The Hon. Member for Barrie Country.
Wilford C. Kuehner.....	The Hon. Member for Kitchener City.

Devotional:

Charles W. Scace.....	The Hon. Minister of Devotional Standard.
Jonathan B. Nelson.....	The Hon. Member for Kitchener Country.
Arthur Bourne.....	The Hon. Member for Barrie Town.
Ross Helwig.....	The Hon. Member for Stratford Town.
Robert Thornbury.....	The Hon. Member for Ottawa Town.
Gordon Henderson.....	The Hon. Member for London City.

Service:

Howard Mitchell.....	The Hon. Minister of Service Standard.
Russell Jamieson.....	The Hon. Member for St. Thomas Town.
John H. Maughan.....	The Hon. Member for Toronto City.
Donald Snell.....	The Hon. Member for Windsor Country.
Gordon Poole.....	The Hon. Member for Ottawa Country.
Charles Harris.....	The Hon. Member for St. Catharines Town.

"Soldiers of the Soil":

Austin Dunton.....	The Hon. Minister of "S.O.S."
Frank Read.....	The Hon. Member for Kingston Country.
Teddy Rea.....	The Hon. Member for St. Catharines Country.
Thomas R. Maxwell.....	The Hon. Member for Toronto Country.
John McKelvey.....	The Hon. Member for Kingston City.

Mr. Snell seconded the motion, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Maughan, the first sitting of the First Boys' Parliament in the world was adjourned, seconded by Mr. Read, until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND SITTING OF THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

The House met at 10.30 a.m., Thursday, December 27th, 1917.

Motion for Conference with Boy Scouts was taken up. After some discussion, the House was moved into Committee by the Minister of the Intellectual Standard, Gordon Henderson, Member for London City, presiding.

Debate was not concluded when the House adjourned at 12 o'clock.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD SITTING OF THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

When the House reassembled at 2 o'clock, the debate on Bill No. 1 was resumed, and on motion of the Minister of the Devotional Standard, Chas. W. Scace, seconded by Chas. J. Harris, Member for St. Catharines Town, it was passed.

Bill No. 2, an Act respecting the Intellectual Standard, was read the first time.

The Minister of the Intellectual Standard, Gordon King, moved the second reading of the Bill, seconded by Thos. Brandy, Member for Stratford City.

After the Bill had been explained, the House was moved into Committee, and Bill No. 2 was debated at length, and finally laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

The Committee rose and reported progress.

The Speaker read a message from Sir Wm. Hearst, Prime Minister of Ontario.

The Premier moved, seconded by the Minister of the Intellectual Standard, that the Speaker of this House do express to the Prime Minister of Ontario our appreciation for the message he has sent.

This motion was agreed to.

Bill No. 3, relating to the Physical Standard, was read the first time.

The Minister of the Physical Standard, in moving the second reading of the Bill, explained its provisions.

The House went into Committee on Bill No. 3, and a long debate ensued.

At 4 o'clock the Premier moved that the discussion of the Bill be adjourned until the sitting this evening.

This motion was adopted, and the Committee rose and reported progress.

The House adjourned at 4 o'clock until 8 o'clock this evening.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SITTING OF THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

Thursday evening, December 28th, the House resumed at 8 o'clock.

Bill No. 3, and An Amendment, were put before the House—an Amendment as to title, substituting the words "Bill Respecting Standards" instead of "Bill Respecting Devotional Standard."

The debate on Bill No. 3 was resumed by the Minister of the Physical Standard, Hon. Max Herity.

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Bill No. 3, as amended in respect to its title, was then read the second and third time and passed.

Bill No. 5—an Act respecting the Devotional Standard, Section 3, Morning Watch—was read a first time.

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The Minister of the Devotional Standard, Hon. Chas. W. Seace, moved the second reading of the bill, and explained its objects.

The Minister of the "Soldiers of the Soil," Hon. Austin Dunton, moved, in amendment, that 250 credits still remain, and that credits be awarded according to the judgment of the mentor.

The Amendment: That Bill No. 5 remain the same, with the exception that 20 credits be awarded for the Talk, 100 to the boy for his Word of Honor test, and 130 to be awarded to the boy as the Mentor sees fit.

After discussion, this Amendment was put and declared carried.

On motion of the Minister of the Devotional Standard, Hon. Chas. W. Seace, the Bill was read the third time, as amended.

The House adjourned at 9.15 until to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1917

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SITTING OF THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

House resumed at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Seace moved that the accompanying Hymn Sheet be adopted in place of the one now recommended by the National Committee.

The Premier seconded the motion.

On motion of the Member for Kingston City, Jack McKelvey, seconded by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, the motion was laid on the table to allow time for this Hymn Sheet to be compared with the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests Hymn Book.

The Premier read telegrams of greetings from Dr. J. L. Carroll, Brockville; Rev. Percy Harding, Waterloo, and A. M. Gregg, St. John.

Hon. Mr. Seace moved that the title of the 4th section of the Devotional Standard "History of Religion" be changed to "Present Day Religion," as the title is indefinite and misleading.

The Member for Ottawa Town, Robt. Thornbury, seconded the motion.

After a full discussion, the motion was put and carried.

Bill No. 2 was brought up for further discussion.

The Premier moved that Bill No. 2 be taken from the table, and moved the following amendment to the amended Bill:

"With respect to Section 3 of the above Amendment: that the clause be struck out and replaced, as follows:—

"That the total credits for 'School and College' be 400, as now constituted; that 300 be allowed as full credits for the Practical Education; that the extra 100 credits be allowed to those who are attending school and college, to be added to them for special work along the lines of Home Reading and Public Speaking—60 credits to be devoted to Home Reading and 40 to Educational Lectures."

After some discussion, this amendment was carried.

The Member for Kingston City, Hon. Jack McKelvey, moved to amend the third paragraph by adding the words "Or practical Education" after the words "School and College."

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This amendment was seconded by Hon. Mr. Scace, and adopted.

The Bill was then read a second time as amended.

Hon. Mr. King moved the third reading as amended, seconded by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, and the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

House adjourned at 3.45.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SITTING OF THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

House resumed at 7.30 p.m.

The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, moved that the House recommend that when the present supply of Boys' Work Conference Hymn Sheets is exhausted, the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," be included in the next supply.

The motion was seconded by the Premier, and carried.

The Premier, after referring to misapprehension created by the newspaper reports of debate in the House relating to the Boy Scout Movement: "That since it appears that some statements in regard to the Boy Scout Movement on the floor of this House seemed to reflect on the standing of the Boy Scout Movement in this Province, the Members of this House desire to correct any such false impressions that may have appeared in regard to the good work done by this organization, and wish to go on record as fully appreciating the good work done by this movement.

This motion was seconded by Hon. Mr. Scace, and adopted.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved the House into Committee in order that an expert be asked to speak on the Self-Analysis Blanks which had been placed on the desks of the Members.

This motion was seconded by Hon. Mr. Dunton, and adopted.

In Committee, an address was delivered by Mr. Powell, explaining the use of the Self-Analysis Blanks.

A motion was adopted, amid applause conveying hearty thanks for this explanation.

House adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SITTING OF THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

House met at 10 a.m.

The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, moved that the Ontario Boys' Parliament be held next year, and that the organizers be instructed to mail circular letter to every registered Mentor, informing them of the name and address of the various representatives. This was seconded by the Minister of the "Soldiers of the Soil," and passed.

The Premier moved that this Parliament recommend the holding of Dominion, Provincial and Local Parliaments.

The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, seconded the motion, which was passed.

The report, as amended, was then adopted.

The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, recommended the monthly publication of the "Canadian Boy Builder." This was seconded by the Minister of the "Soldiers of the Soil," and carried.

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The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, moved that the compilers of "The Daily Talk with the Master Trainer" revert to the old idea of adding a "Personal Thought" or "Suggestions for Prayer."

The Premier seconded the motion, which was adopted.

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The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, moved that in the next edition of the Handbook, the suggestion be printed in large type that the Program be not followed definitely as set down, but that the mentor be instructed to get the spirit of the Program rather than the mere form.

This motion was seconded by the Member for Windsor Country, Donald Snell, and carried.

The Premier moved a resolution of sympathy with the Member for Kingston Country and the Member for St. Thomas Town, who had been taken ill. The Member for St. Catharines Town, Chas. J. Harris, seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Premier moved a resolution of thanks to the Board of Education for the use of their building; to the Pages for their attention to duties; to the Ontario Minister of Public Works for the use of the Legislative Building and Dining Hall, and to the Members of this Parliament for their fine, full reports.

Hon. Mr. Scace seconded this motion, which was carried amid applause.

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The Premier moved that the plan now under consideration by the Advisory Committee to encourage boys to earn and contribute a set sum to the work of the Y.M.C.A. be heartily commended.

The Member for Toronto City, Jack Maughan, seconded this motion, which was carried.

Five minutes' recess was taken for settlement of expense account of Members. The Clerk, Dr. Hardy, announced that cheques for \$1,500.00 indemnity would be handed to all Members, this being the amount paid to Members of the Ontario Legislature. He suggested that these cheques be photographed and framed as souvenirs of this Parliament, as it might be difficult to cash them.

On the House resuming, votes of thanks were passed to Dr. Hardy for his valuable services as Clerk of the House, and to Mr. Bengough, as Reporter.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Mr. Kirkland, assented to the various Bills which had been passed, and read the Speech from the Throne in closing the Parliament.

The Speaker, under order from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Boys' Work, then said:—

"I do hereby declare this First Ontario Boys' Parliament prorogued."

The House closed at 12.30 o'clock.



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HON. JOE MCCULLEY
St. Thomas City
Prime Minister

QUOTATIONS FROM SPEECHES
NOTED IN HANSARD

The Ontario Boys' Parliament

THE PREMIER: His Honor's speech mentioned that our work here for the next few days was of national importance, and that the 'teen age boys of Canada were more important to this Dominion than ever before. No doubt that is so. In Germany the increase of crime among the 'teen age boys has been altogether too great. In France the same alarming increase has been noted, and also in Great Britain and the United States. We, in Canada, have been complimenting ourselves on our immunity from juvenile crime during the war; but can we honestly do so? I do not think we are looking the facts squarely in the face. During the last fiscal year there was an increase of 1,610,806 lbs. in the amount of tobacco consumed in this country. The number of cigarettes smoked in this country, not including those sent to the boys at the front, was the alarming total of 1,307,276,750, an increase of 225,000,000 during the past year. In my opinion, the majority of these are being smoked by the younger boys. We have a great work to do in seeing that our C.S.E.T. course is spread broadcast, that it may exert an influence on the lives of every boy in this country. It is a work of national importance that we have to attend to here; it must not be shirked, and for the next few days we must attend to our duty as we never did before in our lives. It is a work for our earthly Sovereign, and also for the King of Kings, who is looking to the boys of Canada in these days for great and wonderful things.

HON. MR. HERITY heartily agreed with the Premier's remarks, considering this the greatest event in his life. Too much stress cannot be laid on the C.S.E.T.

No doubt the physical standard was very important, as the men of the future must come from the boys, and if we put weaklings to the fore our country will go behind. The physical life of the boys must be developed to the utmost. The physical standard covers many things, from health education down to athletic events, and in these things the boys should put their heart and soul. This Parliament should see that this work is done among the boys, and if changes are necessary to make this possible it is our duty to see that those changes are made.



HON. GORDON KING
Stratford Country
Minister of the Intellectual Standard

HON. MR. KING, as Minister of the Intellectual Standard, felt that his work was one of the most important portfolios, since no boy could be of greatest service to the country without thorough education. This Parliament should do what ever was possible to give boys an education of some kind; if they could not go to school they should have the C.S.E.T. in their homes, and two evenings a week spent in this work would be of great benefit.



MEMBERS OF BOYS' PARLIAMENT



THE ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT, TORONTO

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THE PARLIAMENT IN SESSION

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HON. CHARLES W. SCACE
Kingston City
Minister of the Devotional Standard

HON. MR. SCACE said that the plan of the Devotional Standard was probably the weakest of the four departments. He had found this to be the prevailing opinion among the principal Members of this Parliament. As Members of this Parliament, we can do something for the 250,000 fellows who are waiting for a message from us, by revising the Devotional Standard, which appears to be the weakest of all the Standards, with the exception, probably, of the Morning Watch, Mid-week Bible Discussion, Church and Sunday School; the others appear to be out of place in some way, because apparently they do not appeal to the fellows.

in the C.S.E.T. we work along the line of Service, doing something for someone else, realizing that the person is our neighbor. I consider the Service Standard the hardest to develop in a boy's life. We all realize that the Religious Standard is one that perhaps does not appeal to him most, but the Service Standard is hard to criticize and hard to amend. We are thankful that, through the work of such men as Taylor Statten, Canada, perhaps the youngest country, has a course of training for Canadian boys such as we have before us in this Parliament. We owe to it our whole-hearted efforts not only here, but in our constituencies when we return home. This discussion reminds me of the dispute between the half-dollar and the copper in the rich man's pocket, as to their relative importance, when the copper finally closed the argument by saying, 'I am better than you are, for on Sunday I always go to church, whereas you never go.'



HON. HOWARD MITCHELL
St. Catharines City
Minister of the Service Standard



HON. AUSTIN S. DUNTON
Kitchener Town
Minister of the Soldiers of the Soil

HON. MR. DUNTON: "Last Spring, Great Britain sent out an S.O.S. call. The world was facing famine, and Canadians were asked to produce more food in order that starving millions might be fed. The call came to Canada to do her duty; the members of the Dominion Parliament discussed it, and formed a scheme whereby boys from the High Schools, and perhaps from the Public Schools, could be released about May 1st and go out to the country to help produce, provided they had passed an examination signed by their teachers. Many boys went out last year and farmed. This year the S.O.S. came far stronger than ever before. A Resource Committee was formed, and by planning with the Education Department, this legislation was renewed. Five Y.M.C.A. Secretaries were sent up and down the country to enlist boys for this farm service. For weeks they visited High Schools and told boys how the world was facing a great famine, and that more grain must be produced;

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that 55,000,000 bushels more than in normal times would be required to feed the world before the next harvest came. About 8,000 city and town boys enlisted for farm service. About 20,000 who had served on farms before also left school. The girls responded wonderfully; many thousands went out. There was some organization about this S.O.S. movement. Ten Supervisors were put over counties, say groups of six or more, and during the summer they visited all the fellows on the farms. They called meetings where the farm service subject was presented to the boys; songs were sung, speeches made, and a general good time enjoyed. This was going on all summer. The churches were called on to act as S.O.S. directors, but I believe very few churches did. Now, the world still faces a famine. This year we have to produce, and produce, and produce. We have to get more grain, or the world will starve, the soldiers will starve, and the war will be lost. The plan for this year is to have a National S.O.S. Director at the head of Canada, who will be supreme.



HON. ALLAN F. ANNIS
Oshawa Country
Speaker

MR. ANNIS (Speaker): "Boys spend money for every other thing, but do not grasp the importance of giving to the Church. Each one of the farm boys who has been brought to this country by institutions seems to hold all the coins he can grasp unless he gets value for his money, and they do not seem to realize that value is got in giving to the Church. In the class where I labor they sometimes bring a cent; more often not. The additional credits would show that they are getting something for systematic giving, and would be an incentive to give more. This bill does not go far enough, for "systematic" giving might resolve itself into giving one cent per Sunday. If the Bill could mention "proportionate" giving also, it would be a great improvement."

MR. RICHARDSON: "Boys who are in business are getting as much training as they would in school, because they get experience. They might stop school to serve their country in many ways, in addition to leaving because they are forced to earn wages. This Bill is in the right direction, for it is most important that fellows get an education, which is the basic foundation for all the other Standards, and in the subdivision of credits it is important to arrange so that the boy is constantly striving for a higher ideal."

MR. NELSON: "I agree that no credit should be deducted from School and College, because this is by far the most important head in the Standard. The regular School or College course should be given higher credit than night school or reading course. Out of a total of 400 credits, give, say 300, for attendance and marks earned on examinations for night school course, reading course, or regular School and College course; then to fellows who are attending School or College, and thus obtaining a better education, give an advantage by awarding them the other 100 points on their position in School or College, in comparison with the other fellows of the same age. It is not right to bring a night school or reading course up to the level of a regular School or College course, for in that case a fellow might argue that he could maintain his position in the C.S.E.T. course, and yet leave school and go to work, and drop out of school or college. No one would contend that a night school or reading course, even if right on the work they intended to take up, would give as much knowledge as regular attendance at School or College. A High School or College course is sure to be of use always, and, if possible, a fellow should stay and complete the course, and he should not be given support in the idea of leaving school, as would be the case if the credits were the same."

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HON. A. MAX HERITY
Belleville City
Minister of the Physical Standard

HON. MR. HERITY: "After most serious consideration of this proposition and problem, my Committee decided that the only solution was that contained in this Bill, that there should be a division in the Physical Standard as between boys in the rural parts and in cities, for the reasons stated in the Bill. In the country the boys have different exercises, and go at things in a different way altogether. In the city they have capable instructors along the various lines of athletics; they learn scientifically how to do certain things. Our Handbook gives the highest standard to boys who have the science; yet the boys in the country are far superior to city boys in music, though they have not the science. Owing to these facts, some division should be made."

MR. RICHARDSON: "In the matter of health education, there is no reason why the country boys should not carry this out. A country boy would not probably have to do so much to keep himself in condition as would a city boy, as he gets more fresh air and exercise; but I do not think he should neglect this part, and he could very easily follow out this course on his own Standard, and have that on both Standards. There is a little difficulty in regard to camp-craft, which is carried out in summer months when the bulk of the farm work comes, and farm boys cannot get out for three weeks to a camp. Probably some other activities for the farmer could take the place of camp-craft. The present course does not hold the attention of the farm boys; it is not interesting enough; they do not understand it, and cannot get enthusiastic over it."

MR. THOMAS: "The idea of our C.S.E.T. is the Jesus way of living, and the Standard is fixed just because we are handicapped by conditions. These should be no excuse why we should not pull up in points where our handicap keeps us down. A bunch of us went on record as going to do our best in the Jesus way of living, inducing men to know that we are going to be the best little country we can, or the best little city we can; we are going to be the best, under the conditions in which we live. The Physical Standard is quite right, as it stands, in developing a high type of boy all round, and helping him to overcome his difficulties."

"Two examinations are now held—one for the Sunday session and Bible study, one for mid-week. The Bill suggests that one examination be omitted, the Mentor to decide which one. Morning Watch has been very strongly emphasized, and probably a fellow will get more benefit from that religious study in the morning than from attending school every Sunday and participating in the lesson, or taking the lesson himself, because, being alone with God, he can naturally think about it much more seriously than if he were in a group, and he will likely jot down suggestions that he would probably never give out in the Sunday lesson or speak of himself. Hence, we think 250 credits for Morning Watch are not too much, and 300 for Church and Sunday School would be about balancing those two correctly. The Advisory Committee and Mentors consider that a fellow who works all week is qualified if he attends church and Sunday School once a Sunday, though some clergymen suggest two church attendances. We feel that a fellow who studies the Bible 365 days in the year, and the fellow who studies it only 52 days, should have further recognition than has been given. The younger fellow has to be brought to realize that he can get more out of the Morning Watch than by merely attending Sunday School. In the Morning Watch we prepare our

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lesson for the next Sunday and take the six week-days for a very careful study of it, and on the seventh day we can have our general review in our morning watch. The little suggestive paragraph that follows after the reading can be fully discussed by the fellow himself, and really picked to pieces. By educating our younger fellows to do this, I believe we will be doing something that is really worth while."

MR. TAYLOR (Hamilton): "A College education certainly puts a man above the level of his fellows who have not had it; still the boy who is putting in his time conscientiously studying at night and carrying out the apprenticeship system as now conducted in shops, would be on a par with the boy who is getting the preparatory education. Both are spending their time, perhaps for ten hours a day. It is a mighty hard job when a boy comes home at night, dirty and tired, to get down to his home study course; and from the way such boys grind all day I think they should receive the same credits as fellows who are going to school. Although College education broadens a boy's mind all right, I don't think it does so to a greater extent than the outlook a fellow gets on a big business field."



COMMENDATIONS.

"I have been brooding over the Boys' Program for Canada—it seems to me to be splendidly conceived, and to promise great things in the future. My thought has been much perplexed for a year regarding the future of the Church. You have the key to a real solution in your program; for if the modern viewpoint can be given the present generation of adolescents, in ten years the Church will be reconstructed. The two points are: First, to make sure that the new religious viewpoint and program are given the boys, and, second, to work out a parallel program for the girls. From that the extension will automatically go on to cover the middle-aged man and woman. Keep the thrill of enthusiasm, for adventure, the glow of philosophic dreaming over the mechanism of your scheme, and you have one of the biggest things on the platform of our modern drama of life. It is worthy of being put into the structure of our world-wide reconstruction."—Dr. E. A. Haydn, University of Chicago.

"I have the very highest opinion of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training for working boys in Canada. I have already seen the results in the boys who have the spirit of this new movement, and I cannot speak too highly in its praise."—G. C. Pidgeon, D.D., Toronto.



"SIR WILLIAM" KIRKLAND
"Lieut. Governor"

What the Parliament Did

THE question naturally arises: "What did the Parliament accomplish? Did it deal effectively with matters of real interest?"

At the time the Parliament was called, the most important question up for decision in Canadian Boys' Work was the proposed revision of the programme of Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests. Naturally, a great deal of time was given to discussion, both in committee and on the floor of the House, to this Programme. In Bills and amendments presented, a considerable number of changes were suggested, and in the revised books just now being issued, it is significant to note that the most important of these have been acted upon by the Revision Committee:—

(1) Resolved, that "the hymn, 'Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past,' be included in the next supply of Hymn Sheets for Boys' Conferences."

(2) "Whereas the title, 'History of Religion,' is too indefinite: Resolved that it be changed to the title, 'Present Day Religions.'"

The idea underlying this suggestion has been carried out in that the subject has been dropped from the Program, except as it may be touched in the Mission Study Courses and the lives of Missionary Heroes.

(3) "Whereas it is found impossible to retain our younger fellows in the C.S.E.T. Program after they have won their Bars and Diplomas, we believe that further recognition should be given, especially to Grades 1, 2 and 3."

In providing separate sets of awards for the older and younger boys, the need set forth in this resolution has been met. It has also been provided for in the setting up of two distinct programs—one for the Trail Rangers (12-14 years) and the other for Tuxis Boys (15-17 years).

(4) "In view of the fact that in the present form the C.S.E.T. Handbook is not as interesting to all Grades as it might be; therefore be it Resolved, that it be recommended that in future editions, the Handbook be issued in three sections: (a) For ages 12, 13, 14; (b) for ages 15, 16, 17; (c) for ages 18, 19, 20."

(5) "In view of the great amount of work that a Mentor must do to keep his record up-to-date, it is believed that the Handbook should assist him as far as possible.

'Therefore, it is resolved that scoring tables be embodied in the Handbook after the form used in 'Outdoor Athletic Tests for Boys,' by Dr. Brown, using our own data.'

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(6) "That this Parliament recommend that a Dominion Parliament, further Provincial Parliaments, and local Town and County Councils be promoted, whose object will be not only the training of the Members in Good Citizenship, but the further promotion of the C.S.E.T. in the area for which the said Parliament or Council is held."

(7) "That we recommend that the compilers of 'A Daily Talk with the Master Trainer' revert to the old practice of providing a 'Personal Thought' or a 'Thought for Prayer.'"

(8) "That the Parliament place itself on record as being decidedly in favor of publishing monthly instead of bi-monthly 'The Canadian Boy Builder.'"

(9) That in carrying out the C.S.E.T., "Mentors be instructed to seek to get the spirit of the Program rather than the mere form."

(10) "Whereas at present we have no illustrations in our C.S.E.T. Handbook, and such illustrations would be of great service;

"Therefore, be it resolved that illustrations be introduced into this book. That Canadian Amateur Athletic Records also be contained hereafter in our Official Handbook."

(11) "Whereas many C.S.E.T. boys are compelled, through force of circumstances, to leave school before completion of the C.S.E.T. courses, and whereas the present Intellectual Standard, Section 1, 'School and College,' fails to meet adequately such cases;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that 'School and College' be changed to read 'School, College and Practical Education,' and the whole section following be remodeled to meet the situation outlined in this preamble."

(12) "That whereas the whole C.S.E.T. course is a religious course, the name of this Standard, which is in the Handbook as the 'Religious Standard,' be changed to read 'Devotional Standard.'"

(13) "That under the section on Art, the test for the first grades be the distinguishing of different classes of architecture."

(14) "To facilitate the working out of craftsmanship in rural districts.

"Be it resolved by this Boys' Parliament of Ontario that there be added to Section VII on Craftsmanship, at present in the Handbook, a similar section providing for: (a) Skilful repairing of broken articles; and (b) familiarity with machinery or farm implements."

LIST OF BILLS PASSED.

1. Service Standard. Re Giving to Benevolences.....Mr. Mitchell
2. Intellectual Standard. Heading of Section.....Mr. King
3. Physical Standard. Physical Credits for Rural Boys.....Mr. Herity
4. Recognitions in All Standards.....Mr. Scace
5. Devotional Standard. Credits for Morning Watch.....Mr. Scace
6. Senior Standard. "Leadership Courses.".....Mr. Mitchell
7. Physical Standard. Recognition for Life-Saving Courses.....Mr. Herity
8. Physical Standard. Substitutes for "Pull-up" and "Shot-put"....Mr. Herity
9. Service Standard. Teaching of Foreigners.....Mr. Mitchell
10. Service Standard. Changes in Tests.....Mr. Mitchell
11. Physical Standard. Age and Weight Basis.....Mr. Herity
12. Soldiers of the Soil.....Mr. Dunton
13. Physical Standard. Illustrations in Handbook.....Mr. Herity
14. Service Standard. First Aid.....Mr. Mitchell
15. Intellectual Standard. Craftsmanship.....Mr. King
16. Devotional Standard. Changes in Name, etc.....Mr. Scace

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ONTARIO BOYS' PARLIAMENT.

December 26th--29th, 1917.

CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

This is to certify that the following has been duly elected to represent his constituency at the Ontario Boys' Parliament, Toronto, December 26th-29th, 1917.

GORDON HENDERSON—For London City.

WILLIAM R. COOK.
Secretary.



CANADIAN STANDARD EFFICIENCY TESTS
JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN
JESUS I AM THE WAY

WISDOM		STATURE		FAVOR WITH GOD		FAVOR WITH MAN	
INTELLECTUAL STANDARD		PHYSICAL STANDARD		DEVOTIONAL STANDARD		SERVICE STANDARD	
1. SCHOOL OR COLLEGE	400	1. HEALTH EDUCATION	200	1. CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL	400	1. MEMBER BOYS ORGANISM	100
2. SEX EDUCATION	120	2. CAMP CRAFT	150	2. MODERN BIBLE DOCTRIN	200	2. ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN	50
3. PUBLIC SPEAKING	170	3. TEAM GAMES	170	3. MORNING WATCH	150	3. TRAINING FOR SERVICE	200
4. HOME READING	70	4. GROUP GAMES	50	4. HISTORY OF RELIGION	50	4. PERSONAL SERVICE	100
5. EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE	50	5. SWIMMING	130	5. MUSIC	50	5. GOOD CITIZENSHIP	150
6. EDUCATIONAL TRIPS	70	6. RUNNING	100	6. POETRY	50	6. THREE CS CAMPAIGN	100
7. CRAFTSMANSHIP	100	7. JUMPING	100	7. ART	50	7. CHOOSING LIFE WORK	100
8. WOODCRAFT	70	8. THROWING	100	8. NATYONE	50	8. NATION STUDY	100
TOTAL CREDITS OBTAINABLE	1000	TOTAL CREDITS OBTAINABLE	1000	TOTAL CREDITS OBTAINABLE	1000	TOTAL CREDITS OBTAINABLE	1000

MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT AND CHART OF CANADIAN STANDARD EFFICIENCY TESTS

What is the C. S. E. T. ?

"Canadian Standard Efficiency Training."

It is a program of Religious Education for Canadian Boys.

It is a course of training in Christian Citizenship.

It has been adopted by all the National Denominational Sunday School Boards, Provincial Sunday School Associations and Federations and the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations.

It is a program—not an organization. It may be used as the program for any organization of boys.

The leaders of the Sunday School work of the Protestant Churches in Canada believe that every Sunday School class of teen-age boys should meet, not only on Sunday, but also on one evening during the mid-week.

This Mid-week Session need not occupy the time of an entire evening. The most successful meetings are held around a supper table, and are finished before eight o'clock.

The program of Canadian Standard Efficiency Training provides an adequate program for this Mid-week Session.

It provides separately for the needs of Younger Boys (12 to 14 years of age) through the Trail Rangers Program and for the needs of Older Boys (15 years of age and over) through the Tuxis Boys Program.

SOME FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

1. The program is based on the character and personality of Jesus. He is presented to the boys not only as Saviour and Lord, but also as Hero and as the Ideal of the four-fold life.

2. It follows the plan of four-fold development, intellectual, physical, religious and social, suggested in the statement regarding the growth and development of the boy Jesus as found in Luke 2: 52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

3. It provides a progressive Course of Training, recognizing the growth of boys and their changing needs as they pass through the various stages of development.

4. It does not attempt to put all boys through the same mould, but it does provide the means of laying a four-square foundation for lives of usefulness.

5. It recognizes the Home, the School and the Church as the basic institutions, and seeks to bring them into closer co-operation as they function in the life of the boy.

6. As, under the Intellectual Program, the School is given the place of first importance, under the Devotional Program, the Church; under the Social Program, the Home and Community; so under the Physical Program, Health Education and the acquiring of right health habits are the features emphasized.

7. It challenges a boy to compete against a Standard rather than against Individuals and makes for the development of the altruistic spirit.

8. It provides abundant opportunity for Group Effort and Team Play.

9. The Program calls for personal interviews between the adult leader and the boy. A Plan, known as "Charting," has been devised, which makes these interviews simple, attractive and vitally helpful.

10. The Course of Training has been arranged on the "Departmental" or "Loosely Graded" plan.



BANQUET, BOYS' PARLIAMENT. HELD IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TORONTO

Greetings

Among the many messages of greeting sent to the Parliament, we have selected three, one from a clergyman, one from an active lay workers with boys, and one from Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario. The first two messages came as telegrams: -

"Kindly convey my best wishes to members of Boys' Parliament assembling to-day. My earnest prayer is that their work will be abundantly blessed."

PERCY N. HARDING,

Rector, St. Saviour's Church, Waterloo

"Premier, Ontario Boys' Parliament:

"Greetings from Brockville. The world's need is your opportunity. Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests will give Canada the highest type of Christian citizenship—a race of superior men. It means work, fellows, work, and then work. Be game. Put it over. Score big for Canada."

J. L. CARROLL

"I desire to extend a cordial welcome to the First Ontario Boys' Parliament. Such a gathering would at any time be of special interest, but under existing circumstances it is of marked significance and importance. As I understand it, the chief object of the movement is to develop the efficiency of the boys of to-day, who will be the men of to-morrow. In these times, the nation needs all the service it can command in every branch of industry, and especially in the production of food. I gladly bear testimony to the value of the assistance given this summer by the boys of Ontario on the farms of this Province and on behalf of the public, I thank them for their work. They did well, for they not only helped to save the crops, but they obtained experience which will enable them to do still better service during the coming year. When we are compelled once again to call on our boys to take the place of the men who have gone from the farm to the Front, I am satisfied that we will meet with a hearty and generous response. This is a service to the nation worthy of the ambition of every boy. In years to come, it will make him a better man, and a better Canadian, for having done his part in winning the war. By encouraging this movement, the Ontario Boys' Parliament proves that it has a worthy and patriotic mission."

WM. H. HEARST.

Prayers

O Lord our Heavenly Father, High and Mighty, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the only Ruler of Princes, who dost from Thy Throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold our Most Gracious Sovereign Lord, King George, and so replenish him with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that he may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way: Endue him plentifully with Heavenly gifts: Grant him Health and Wealth, long to live: Strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally, after this life, may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all Goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Edward Prince of Wales, Alexandra the Queen Mother, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with Thy Heavenly Grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty's Dominions in general, so especially for this Province, and herein more particularly for the first Ontario Boys' Parliament, in their Legislative Capacity at this time assembled; that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and his Province of Ontario, and all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that Peace and Happiness, Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety, may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessities for them, and for us, we humbly beg in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our most Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Life Records of the Members

DUNTON, AUSTIN STANLEY.

Age 18. Home—Paris, Ont.

Constituency—Kitchener Town

Education—Junior Matriculation and Entrance to Normal School. Honor Matriculation. Graduate Paris High School, 1917. Secretary-Treasurer Paris High School Athletic Association. Now attending Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 1st year.

Boys' Work Experience—President Sunday Morning Bible Class at High School. President of Paris Boys' Work Conference. Secretary of Kitchener Conference. President of C.S.E.T. group. Mentor C.S.E.T. Trail Rangers' Camp, 1917-18. Attended Geneva Park Training School, Summer Session, 1918, and was President of the School for Volunteer Leaders.

*HERITY, ALMER MAXWELL.

Age 17. Home—Belleville, Ont.

Constituency—Hastings and Surrounding Counties.

Graduate of Belleville High School Specializing for Medicine, but now employed as time-keeper for munitions firm.

Member of local Y.M.C.A. for several years, assisting in the Physical Department at present. Has attended five annual Conferences. President of Belleville Conference at 16 years of age. Charted over 850 for five years in C.S.E.T. Helped promote Three C's Club in High School. President of Sunday School Class. President of Forms five years in High School.

Fond of all clean sports. At annual High School Field Day was Junior Champion his first year and Senior Champion the last four years, constituting a school record. Favorite game is Basket-ball. Captain School team for three years, and the team has never yet been defeated on their own floor.

Has been a Soldier of the Soil for the last three summers.

*Max. died, February 19, 1919.

KING, ALEXANDER GORDON.

Age 20. Home—Woodstock, Ont.

Constituency—Stratford County

Graduate of Hickson Public School, and attended Stratford Collegiate for four years and then put in two years' work on the farm. Is now back at Collegiate and expects to graduate this coming Spring.

Has had scant opportunity to touch C.S.E.T. work. Is President of Adult Bible Class at Hebron Methodist Church.

Goes in enthusiastically for all clean sports.

McKELVEY, JOHN L.

Age 17. Home—Kingston, Ont.

Constituency—Kingston City.

Matriculated June, 1918, from Kingston Collegiate Institute. Now attends Queen's University in Faculty of Arts.

Secretary of L. B. Sunday School Class of First Congregational Sunday School.

Has been charted in C.S.E.T. Played in Semi-finals Junior Ontario Hockey Association with Kingston Juniors, season of 1917-18.

Congregational Sunday School Baseball Championship.

MAUGHAN, JOHN HOWARD.

Age 20. Home—Toronto, Ont.

Constituency—Toronto City.

Attended the Normal Model School and Technical until he had to leave school and go to work. Has since that time taken several night courses.

He is now engaged as Physical Director at Y.M.C.A., St. John, N.B.

During the past four years he has taken different classes, groups and Gymnasium classes, all along the C.S.E.T. Program. Was Mentor of a group of boys at "Central" during 1915, 1916 and 1917. He took for one season the Gym. classes at the

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Northern Congregational Church, North Rosedale, and had gymnasium work at the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church also.

He was employed by the Big Brother Movement for two years in connection with the Juvenile Court (City Hall, Toronto); during that time he received a great deal of valuable information in regard to working boys and delinquents, and hopes some day to be able to go back to Juvenile Court Work.

He has taken part in several competitions, some C.S.E.T. tests, and was able to make over 70 per cent. in most of the tests. Has been mostly interested in swimming, having held some of the Junior records at "Central" Y.M.C.A., Toronto. Swam across Toronto Bay, 1½ miles, in August, 1915, in 44 min. 45 sec.

MITCHELL, R. M. HOWARD.

Age 18. Home—St. Catharines, Ont.

Constituency—Counties of Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand and Wentworth.

Now a member of the Graduating Class of St. Catharines Collegiate Institute. During his High School course he dropped out to work for two years.

As to Boys' Work, he has held the position of President of "The Gang," the C.S.E.T. Club of the Welland Ave. Methodist Church. Also was President of the High School Club of the Collegiate last year. Was Boys' Work Secretary of the local "Y" for the Summer months, ending with the starting of school. Has been chartered once at the end of last year. He is now Convener of Athletics at the Collegiate and captained the High School O.B.A. team last Winter. Has always been active in baseball, basketball and this year Rugby football.

REA, TEDDY.

Age 16. Home—Grimsby, Ont.

Constituency—St. Catharines City.

Is now a student at Lake Lodge Private School. Plays on the First Rugby team.

After returning from the Parliament, Mr. Rea organized a C.S.E.T. Group, which had a most successful season, ending up with all the mem-

bers going on the farm. The class is again under way this Fall, with Mr. Rea as Honorary President, as he is unable to attend.

POOLE, GORDON WHYTE.

Age 19.—Home—Perth, Ont.

Constituency—Perth.

Entered Perth Collegiate at thirteen years of age and spent four years there, leaving April, 1917, for work as a Soldier of the Soil, and has remained on the farm since. Is now taking a correspondence course in Advertising, and hopes to enter the field in 1919.

As soon as he heard of C.S.E.T. he attended an organization meeting in connection with the Methodist Church, of which he is a member; was appointed Chairman of Committee on the Intellectual Standard. Helped to hold the Club together and to make arrangements for the Perth Boys' Work Conference last year.

Had a place on Intercollegiate track team 1916-17.

READ, FRANK WITHROW.

Age 19. Home—Sydenham, Ont.

Constituency—Kingston County.

He was one of the "Noble Fifteen" who made the Boys' Conference at Arnprior, Ontario, in Dec., 1913, such a success. He has been privileged to attend five Boys' Work Conferences. Through sickness he was unable to attend the last few sessions of the Parliament. His work on the S.O.S. Committee was commended by the Honorable Minister of S.O.S. He is First Vice-President of the Epworth League in Sydenham, and is quite prominent in all church work. He is in his Matriculation year at the Sydenham High School, and expects to graduate this Spring. When the urgent S.O.S. call came last Spring, he left school in April and spent four and a half months on "Regal" Poultry Farm, at Port Dover, Ont. He is an ardent poultry fancier and has bred some choice specimens of the White Wyandotte variety. It is his intention to follow in his father's footsteps and become a Methodist minister.

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RICHARDSON, WILLIAM RAY.

Age 18. Home—Essex.

Constituency—The Towns of Essex County.

He passed through the Essex Public and High Schools, and is now in his first year at S.P.S., University of Toronto. He has not been connected with C.S.E.T. long, the Conference at Windsor, 1917, being the first of its kind in that district.

STANLEY, WILBERT JOHN.

Age 18. Home—R.R. No. 2, Denfield, Ont.

Constituency—St. Thomas Country.

He entered Lucan High School and matriculated at 15, and took his Entrance to Normal. The following year, at 16, he continued to go to school in the Fourth Form, intending to take his First, but broke an arm playing football, and his studies were so seriously broken into that he has decided to be a farmer at home. They have a large farm of 340 acres, 80 head of cattle, 20 horses, 60 pigs and 30 sheep. He has since purchased a farm of his own, and "unless something pretty good looms up" will remain farming.

In connection with Boys' Work, they have no C.S.E.T. program in his Sunday School, but they have a very enthusiastic Young Men's Class. They have had in the past four years, from time to time, twenty-one young men of their Class behind the pulpit. They began by going out giving entertainments, thus preparing the boys for platform work. Then they began taking Sunday services, with four or five boys speaking about six minutes each, and as they became accustomed to the work the number of boys was decreased and the length of the speech increased, till a boy could take a whole service himself. He has filled several pulpits himself on different occasions, once at the anniversary of the Handford's Boys' Class of Ingersoll. He has been assistant teacher for three years.

He used to take an interest in athletics when attending High School, but at present keeps in shape working on the farm.

SCACE, CHARLES WALTER.

Age 20. Home—Brockville, Ont.

Constituency—Kingston Town.

Has been four years in Collegiate Institute, but has now been working for over two years as Cost Clerk in Canada Foundries and Forgings.

Has been interested in C.S.E.T. work for four years. For two years was Secretary-Treasurer of the Excelsior Anglican Club of Brockville, which was the first formed in this district, subsequently becoming Ass't-Mentor of the same. He is now Mentor of the Unionist Club of 13-year-old fellows. Has been President of the Older Boys' Council for two years, and is an honorary member of the Inner Circle, Collegiate Club.

He has several times represented the School on Junior teams, and was a member of the four-oared crew which won the B.R.C. Championship in 1917. Also participated in the C.S.E.T. athletic meet, winning several of the bars.

THOMAS, IRWIN ERNEST.

Age 19. Home—Streetsville, Ont.

Constituency—Toronto Town.

Mr. Thomas is now in Fourth Form at Streetsville High School.

He is President of the Organized Boys' Class, Methodist Sunday School, whose Motto is "Gentleman first, Gentleman last, and Gentleman all the time." He is also a member of the C.S.E.T. Group.

THORNBURY, ROBERT LINDSAY.

Age 19. Home—Perth, Ont.

Constituency—Ottawa Town.

Graduated from the Perth Public School, 1914, and since that time has been attending the Perth Collegiate Institute, and expects, for military reasons, to be granted his Matriculation soon.

Mr. Thornbury has been for two years President of the Methodist C.S.E.T. Club in Perth (the Excelsior Club), and was Vice-President of the Boys' Conference held in Perth. Has been chartered as the result of a year's work, and has been engaged in C.S.E.T. work for three years.

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He is on the Collegiate track team, and lost the Senior Championship this year by four points, but received the running championship in four running events. He is Vice-President of the Athletic Association, also Captain of the Basketball and Football teams.

WEBER, CLIFTON R.

Age 17. Home—Windsor, Ont.

Constituency—Windsor City.

Three and a half years ago he graduated from the Windsor Public School as one of the Silver Medallists, to the Windsor Collegiate Institute. Last year he received his Junior Matriculation, and is looking forward to a Senior Matriculation this year, preparatory to entering College for the study of Medicine.

His experience in C.S.E.T. Work is limited, last year being the first time C.S.E.T. work was broached in his district. Is a member of the Young Men's Club and of the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church, and hopes to be a leader in Boys' Work this Winter.

Mr. Weber is a member of the Rugby, Football, Basketball and Baseball teams of the school. This year he is captaining the successful Rugby team. He is also Commander of the School Cadet Corps.

PARTRIDGE, BARRETT OSCAR.

Age 17. Home—Barrie, Ont.

Constituency—Barrie Town.

Has obtained partial Matriculation and is now in Upper School, Barrie Collegiate Institute.

Has been connected with Boys' Work Program for two years.

Athletic Records—Won Junior Championship, Barrie Collegiate Institute, Field Day, 1916; also Senior Championship, 1917. Is now President of Athletic Association, B.C.I.

BRANDY, THOMAS STUART.

Age 21. Home—Stratford.

Constituency—Stratford City.

He received his early education in the Public Schools, and graduated from the Collegiate Institute with Junior Matriculation and Normal Entrance in 1916. Upon the completion of this education he started a four-year apprenticeship in the drug business.

Mr. Brandy joined St. Andrew's Church in 1912. Early in 1913 he was initiated into the "Young Men's Baraca Bible Class, and on January 29, 1915, he accepted the Canadian Secretaryship of the "World Wide Baraca Philathea Union," which position he still holds. He has been active in the life of the church as Secretary of the "Usher's Association." In 1916 he attended a convention of boys at Syracuse, N.Y. He was placed on the Stratford Boys' Work Council of 1917.

He is at present in the 4th Reserve Batt. at Witley Camp, Surrey, England.

HARRIS, CHARLES JAMES.

Age 17. Home—Dundas.

Constituency—St. Catharines Town.

At High School he has had two years, Junior Commercial and Graduation Diploma. He is at present at Mountain Sanitarium, Hamilton.

Mr. Harris was President of the Boys' Club in his home church.

Died—February 1. 1919.

MAXWELL, THOMAS RICHARD.

Age 21. Home—Streetsville.

Constituency—Toronto Country.

Attended Streetsville High School and Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. He was farming for himself when he enlisted, and is coming back to farm again when he is discharged.

Mr. Maxwell was president of the Worth While Boys' Class of Streetsville Methodist when the Parliament and Conference were held. He has won two provincial championship prizes in live-stock judging at Toronto and Guelph Exhibitions.

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TAYLOR, ALEXANDER ROBERT.

Age 17. Home—Ottawa.

Constituency—City of Ottawa.

Has been educated at First Avenue Public School, and latterly at the Ottawa Collegiate, where he attends in the Fourth Form.

He has been a member of the McLeod Street Methodist C.S.E.T. for three years. President during session of 1916-17.

Has had no athletic records in connection with C.S.E.T. work, except in swimming.

JAMIESON, RUSSELL B.

Age 18. Home—Simcoe.

Constituency—St. Thomas.

Education—High School Matriculation.

Boys' Work—Has not had the C.S.E.T. Program carried out in his town, but has attended a number of conferences, and was up at Boys' Camp at Geneva Park.

Has done quite good deal in connection with different boys' movements, etc., in the town, and enjoyed the same thoroughly.

Has held no athletic records, but came first and second in all-round sport day tests held in fall and mid-summer.

MCCULLEY, JOSEPH.

Age 17. Home—St. Thomas.

Constituency—St. Thomas City.

School—St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. Fourth year, taking Faculty Entrance work. Standing already attained, Junior Matric., 1916.

Now attending University of Toronto—Faculty of Education.

Connection with Boys' Work—Fifteen months employed in St. Thomas Y.M.C.A. (part time). Taught Boys' Class since 1915. Last year the class were boys 14-16, the Upstreamers, St. John's Church, St. Thomas.

President St. Thomas Collegiate High School Club.

Athletics—1917, St. Thomas Collegiate Rugby Team, St. Thomas Collegiate Basketball Team.

KUEHNER, WILFORD C.

Age 19. Home—Kitchener.

Constituency—Kitchener City.

Education—He spent four years at the Collegiate in Kitchener, and obtained Matriculation. For something less than two years he was in a business office, and at present is in the Royal Air Force in Toronto.

In connection with Boys' Work—Kitchener and Waterloo had a Central Advisory Committee, of which he was a member. The different groups of his own church (Zion Evangelical) united to form one large body for the purpose of lectures, sports, etc., and of this body Mr. Kuehner was the president.

Last winter there was held in the city a very successful series of inter-church group hockey games, and he was a member of the Athletic Committee.

SNELL, DONALD JAMES.

Age 15. Home—North Malden.

Constituency—South Essex, Rural.

Education—One year at Watford High School. One year at Amherstburg High School, at present taking matriculation work at Albert College, Belleville.

Attended Boys' Conference at Windsor, 1917.

He was a pitcher in junior baseball, also played basketball and tennis in Malden Athletic Club.

ANNIS, ALLEN FOSTER.

Age 18. Home—Tyrone.

Constituency—Oshawa County.

Education—Graduated with Honor Matriculation from Bowmanville High School, June, 1917. Is now attending Victoria College, University of Toronto, second year Honor Political Science.

Boys' Work—For three years he taught a boys' group in the Tyrone Sunday School. About one and one-half years ago the pastor chartered the class, and they have engaged since in a somewhat modified form of C.S.E.T. Program. Last winter he attended and addressed an echo conference at Tyrone in connection with the work.

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CHAMBERLAIN, ALBERT EDWARD.

Age 19. Home—Toronto.

Constituency—Toronto City.

He was educated in Toronto Public Schools and Parkdale Collegiate.

Was Secretary Ontario Boys' Conference, 1916; Vice-President Toronto Boys' Conference, 1917. He is Past President Nikator Class; President Toronto West District Older Boys' Council, and member Toronto Boys' Cabinet; also Superintendent of Senior Division of Howard Park Methodist Sunday School.

BOURNE, ARTHUR A.

Age 20. Home—Penetanguishene, Ont.

Constituency—Barrie Town.

Mr. Bourne was in his Matriculation year when he enlisted in 1915. He joined the 37th Battalion, and transferred to 2nd University Company, and eventually reached the Princess Patricia's. He spent nine months in France, and was invalided home in 1916. After a year in the hospital in Canada he was discharged.

In athletics he played on the rugby, hockey, and baseball teams at High School, and also on town ball team. He captained the teams at High School in 1914-15 till he left. He also did a good deal of jumping.

He attended the Barrie Conference and was elected Secretary.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. George Morton, of Toronto Technical School, did excellent work in making the mace. It will be used in all future Parliaments.

Mr. W. J. Wilkinson, of the Board of Education, was most courteous and hospitable in putting the Board Building at the disposal of the Parliament.

Mr. W. E. Bishop, Building Superintendent, took keen interest in the Parliament, and most cordially placed himself and the resources of the building at its disposal.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the keen interest taken in the Parliament and assistance given in promoting it by Dr. E. A. Hardy, Taylor Statten, W. R. Cook, Rev. Frank Langford, and Rev. C. A. Myers.

This report has been prepared by Percy R. Hayward and Herbert L. Troyer, Secretaries of the National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations of Canada, at the request of the Ontario Advisory Committee for Co-operation in Boys' Work.

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